



Teaching and Learning Center  
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TACOMA

## Types of Assignments

### Reflection Paper

- Reflect on discussions, articles, text, and lectures
- Include reaction
- Refer to readings and lectures
- Follow professor's guidelines

### Response Paper

- Respond to article
- Include specific issues
- Compare/contrast with other readings, lectures, discussions
- Follow professor's guidelines

### Journal Writing

- On-going (daily, weekly) reflection of readings, lectures, discussions
- Include issues, thoughts related to practice and readings, lectures, discussions
- Follow professor's guidelines

### Essay

- Focus on one, two, or perhaps three issues
- Take a position related to the issue(s)
- Include introduction, body, conclusion
  - See sheet on writing essays
  - Clear/concise thesis statement essential
- Support position by referencing authors, lectures
  - Peer reviewed or assigned articles
- Follow professor's guidelines
- Review/revise for content and last revision for grammar

### Research Paper

- Select issue or topic
- Research using databases from Library
  - Enough information available
  - Make certain use up-to-date research/articles
- Formulate issues/areas
  - List
  - Outline
  - Mind mapping
- Write paragraphs
  - Can begin with introduction and temporary thesis statement
  - Can write body paragraphs and then introduction and conclusion
  - Review/revise for content and last revision for grammar